

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Portsmouth Public Library

Bulletin Board Display

Our bulletin board display for September.

Submitted by Rachel Enrich, 



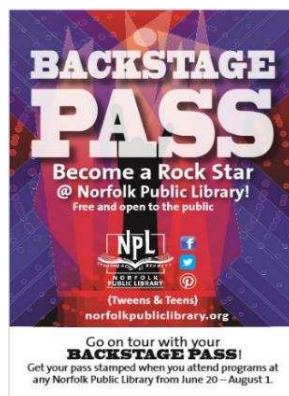
Norfolk Public Library

Rock Star Teens

Tweens and teens rocked out this summer at Norfolk Public Library.

As part of the Read to the Rhythm 2015 Summer Reading Program, participants received a Backstage Pass and the chance to “go on tour” to become a Teen Rock Star.

Each time the aspiring rock stars attended tween and teen programs, like the Music Video Shoot or Back-up Dancer Class, they received a stamp on their Backstage Passes. After attending six programs, as well as logging at least 300 minutes of reading time, participants became an official Rock Star and were entered into a drawing for a \$50 Hot Topic gift card.



The SRP kick-off was held at Slover Library in downtown Norfolk, which opened in January 2015 as one of the most technologically advanced and architecturally significant libraries in the country. The event featured music from Teens With a Purpose as well as face painting, selfie stations, and plenty of interactive games and activities.

Also in attendance were actors from Tidewater Community College's Shakespeare in the Grove, who performed pieces from their production of Romeo and Juliet, as well as 4-H, who facilitated “We All Scream Ice Cream,” enabling teens to learn the chemistry involved in making their own ice cream.

Slover Library set the stage for the Rock Star Teens throughout the summer.



Summer Intern Tayla Boyd Rocks Out at Slover Library

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The Library of Virginia

Mission

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Vision

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

Finance

The Library's primary funding source is General Fund appropriations. The majority of the Library's General Fund expenses represent transfer payments to local government for state aid to public libraries. Additionally, the Library earns special nongeneral fund revenue from storage fees charged to agencies and courts for document and records storage and from local circuit court records' preservation fees.

The Library also receives federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996. This grant promotes access to learning and information resources of libraries.

Goals

2014-2016

Collections:

Strengthen and Preserve the Library's collections and expand accessibility for the benefit of users.

Service:

Deliver courteous, accurate, and efficient information services to our customers.

Organizational Excellence:

Position the Library to effectively embrace new challenges and increasing responsibilities.

Educational Readiness and Achievement:

Engage and educate parents, teachers, and learners through programming designed to enhance early literacy readiness and to provide access to quality education resources for prekindergarten and K12 children.

This goal is critical in fulfilling the Library's mission to provide Virginians with access to the most comprehensive information resources and to elevate levels of educational preparedness and attainment of Virginia's citizens.

Associated State Goal

Education: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

Education Attainment Objectives

- ◆ Increase the number of children who participate in the Winter Reading Program.
- ◆ Increase the number of children and teens who are served by public libraries through out-of-school programs and summer reading programs.
- ◆ Support the parent as a child's first teacher by implementing Early Literacy Activity Centers in public libraries and providing training on their use.

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

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Rock Star Teens

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The dedicated staff and volunteers of Slover's Teen department created a life-size rock concert backdrop, as well as provided all the necessary props and accessories for teens to look the part as they participated in programs like **Name That Tune**, **Karaoke**, and **Jam Session**.

"It was pretty cool to see kids come into the library and rock out with our handmade backdrop instruments," said 16-year old library volunteer **Kendric Kirkpatrick**. "They immersed themselves into our rock star world!"

Other Rock Star programs held throughout the summer included **Name that Tune**, **Rock Shirt Re-design**, and a **Just Dance-a-thon**. Additionally, Slover Library teamed with **Music Theory Studios of Virginia Beach**, who facilitated **Design Your Own Album Cover**, **Beat Making Session** and a **Music and Technology program**.



Simone Roseborro Hosts Back-Up Dancer Class


Slover Library's Teen department also hosted the **SRP finale**, which featured a **Lip Sync Battle** as well as face painting and arts and crafts. Children, Tweens, Teens, and Adults all got into the competitive spirit and showed off their rock star skills to songs ranging from the *Lion King*'s "Hakuna Matada" to Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean."

Over 1,700 kids participated in NPL's 2015 Summer Reading Program, logging almost 300,000 minutes of reading time. Teens that collected six stamps on their Backstage Passes were able to bring them to Slover's Teen floor and claim their bag of Rock Star Gear, which included treats, temporary tattoos, and glow bracelets, among other swag.



Teens Perform in Lip Sync Battle during SRP Finale

Although summer is winding down, the upbeat atmosphere endures at Slover Library. The Teen department, which comprises a computer lab, study carrels, collaborative study rooms, and a video game lounge, facilitates ongoing and special programs throughout the year. Check out Slover's Teen events at <http://norfolkpubliclibrary.org/events>.

Article written and submitted by Liz Powell. 

Virginia Department of Health Safety Awareness Sheets: Child Passenger and Bicycle Safety Awareness

We have two safety sheets to share for September.

One is for **Child Passenger Safety Week** and the other one is on **Bicycle Safety Awareness**. I wanted to do one on **Bicycle Safety Awareness** because it has great information with the upcoming Richmond 2015 UCI Road World Championships.

Thank you!, Joan

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The safety sheets are attached to this newsletter. 

Public Library Association

PLA Awards and Nominations

PLA's awards programs has been designed to honor those providing public library service whose vision and accomplishments are extraordinary and deserve recognition.

Now Accepting Nominations!

Nine PLA service awards and grants highlight the best in public library service and honor those bringing innovation, creativity and dedication to public libraries. Consider nominating yourself, a colleague, or your library today! **The deadline to apply for PLA 2016 Service Awards and Grants is December 2, 2015 at 11:59 PM Central.** To submit an application or nomination, please login to the PLA Awards Online Application at <http://www.ala.org/pla/awards/apply>.

2016 Service Awards and Grants

Allie Beth Martin Award

Honors a librarian who, in a public library setting, has demonstrated extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books or other library materials and has distinguished ability to share that knowledge. A plaque and a \$3,000 honorarium are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1977 in honor of Allie Beth Martin. Sponsored by Baker & Taylor.


Baker & Taylor Entertainment Audio Music / Video Product Award

Designed to provide a public library the opportunity to build or expand a collection of either or both formats in whatever proportion the library chooses. The grant consists of \$2,500 of Audio Music or Video Products. Sponsored by Baker & Taylor.

Charlie Robinson Award

Honors a public library director who, over a period of seven (7) years, has been a risk taker, an innovator and/or a change agent in a public library. The recipient should have been active in national and other professional associations and be known for developing and implementing programs which are responsive to the needs of community residents. The award consists of \$1,000 and a gift. The public library director will be honored at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1997. Sponsored by the Baker & Taylor.

Demco New Leaders Travel Grant

Designed to enhance the professional development and improve the expertise of public librarians new to the field by making possible their attendance at major professional development activities. Plaques and travel grants of up to \$1,500 per applicant are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1993. The name of this grant was changed in October 2004. This grant is sponsored by Demco, Inc. 

EBSCO Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award

Honors a public library serving a population of 10,000 or less that demonstrates excellence of service to its community as exemplified by an overall service program or a special program of significant accomplishment. A plaque and a \$1,000 honorarium are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Established in 1991. Sponsored by EBSCO Information Services.

Gordon M. Conable Award

Honors a public library staff member, a library trustee, or a public library, that has demonstrated a commitment to intellectual freedom and the Library Bill of Rights. The award consists of \$1,500 and a plaque to be presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Sponsored by LSSI.

John Iliff Award

Honors the life and accomplishments of John Iliff, early adopter and champion of technology in public libraries, and recognizes the contributions of a library worker, librarian, or library that has used technology and innovative thinking as a tool to improve services to public library users. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a plaque and a bouquet of roses for the workplace. Sponsored by Innovative.

Romance Writers of America Library Grant

Designed to provide a public library the opportunity to build or expand its romance fiction collection and/or host romance fiction programming. The grant consists of \$4,500 to be used toward the purchase of books in print and/or audio format, author honorariums and travel expenses, and other applicable program expenses. Sponsored by the Romance Writers of America.

Upstart Innovation Award

Recognizes a public library's innovative and creative service program to the community. A plaque and a \$2,000 honorarium are presented annually at the ALA Annual Conference. Sponsored by Upstart, a Demco company.

Source: <http://www.ala.org/pla/awards> 



Association for Library Service to Children

Babies Need Words Every Day to Bridge the Word Gap

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), announces the release of the new **Babies Need Words Every Day** materials.

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/babiesneedwords>

These shareable resources were designed to help bridge the **30 Million Word Gap** by providing parents with proven ways to build their children's literacy skills. Research shows children from low-income households hear 30 million fewer words than children of higher-income homes; this leads to a persistent gap in language development that impacts school readiness and future educational success.

Babies Need Words Every Day resources include eight visually appealing posters that deliver simple, effective rhymes, games and other suggestions for immediate, enriching ways to communicate with babies.



These free posters are available in English and Spanish, and are ideal for posting above changing tables in child care centers, in doctors' waiting rooms and anywhere else where children and their caregivers have a moment to talk, read, sing and play. ALSC also provides a book list that suggests some books for parents to request at their local library. Librarians



should encourage their community partners to download and display these free printable resources.

The **Babies Need Words Every Day** initiative, created by the ALSC Early Childhood Programs and Services Committee, provides essential support for lifelong learning to diverse families. ALSC is committed to raising awareness around this issue leveraging the role public libraries play in fostering educational success.

About the 30 Million Word Gap

The term "word gap" refers to research showing that children from low-income families have heard 30 million less words by the age of three than children from higher income families. The study, published by professors Betty Hart and Todd R. Risley has become the cornerstone of many efforts to increase public awareness of the importance of allowing children to hear more words by talking, reading, singing and playing with them daily.

ALA Press Release, August 6, 2015

"Times are tough. Many of us are unemployed, or face unemployment. If we're working, it's likely that we're doing the jobs of several people. Or we're working more than one job to make ends meet. But this is no time to give in to the pressures around us. Think positively while taking responsibility for your own professional development. It's the only way to ensure that children get the wonderful library service that they deserve. As Stephanie Espinoza, the youth services specialist at Green Valley, NV, said in a recent post on the ALSC Blog, 'Be excited. The future is going to be amazing.'"

~ Margaret Tice ~

School Library Journal. 57.6 (July 2011): p32.
From Gale General OneFile.



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 21-23, 2015..... Virginia Library Association Annual Conference..... Richmond

National Conferences

November 6-8, 2015..... YALSA'S 2015 Young Adult Symposium..... Portland

April 5-9, 2016..... Public Library Association 2016 Conference..... Denver

June 23-28, 2016..... American Library Association Annual Conference..... Orlando

September 15-17, 2016..... ALSC National Institute 2016..... Charlotte

June 22-27, 2017..... American Library Association Annual Conference..... Chicago

June 21-26, 2018..... American Library Association Annual Conference..... New Orleans

Workshops / Early Literacy Activity Center (ELAC) Exchanges

September 9-10, 2015..... Library of Virginia Fall Youth Services Workshop..... Richmond

September 16-17, 2015..... Library of Virginia Coaching Workshop..... Burke

October 1, 2015..... STEM Training..... Wytheville

October 2, 2015..... STEM Training..... Chatham

October 9, 2015..... STEM Training..... Franklin

October 27, 2015..... STEM Training..... Bedford

November 5, 2015..... STEM Training..... Chesterfield

November 6, 2015..... STEM Training..... Fishersville

November 13, 2015..... STEM Training..... King George

Online Courses

September 7–October 2, 2015..... Importance of Play..... online

Thanks for the photos and information!

- ◇ Liz Powell, Norfolk Public Library
- ◇ Rachel Enrich, Portsmouth Public Library
- ◇ JoAnn Wells, Virginia Department of Health
- ◇ The usual resources - Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), Public Library Association (PLA)

2015 Child Passenger Safety Week

Always chose a child safety seat that is the right fit for your child's age and size.

Know for sure



Child Passenger Safety Week:

National Child Passenger Safety Week

September 13-19, 2015

September 19th Seat Check Saturday

Main Resource Page for Child Passenger Safety Follow Up Resources:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/prevention/CPS/resources.htm>

We're here to help.

www.safetyseatva.org

1-800-732-8333

Optional Activities

- Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Safety Seat Check Station Reading Day
 - Coordinate with your local SSCS-library reading day and Dress up as emergency personnel-nurses, fireman, policeman, EMS)
- VDH Resources
 - Chuggington Activity Book
 - CPS Poster
 - CPS Brochure
- Shelf Display

- Briefcase
- Teddy Bear
- Safe Kids or NHTSA Poster
- VDH Parent Resource Flip Top Book
- Borrowed Car Seat from SSCS
- Chuggington Activity Book
- Reading Resources
 - *Just for Big Kids Large Format Storybook-English 2-4690*
<https://www.imsafe.com/product/2-4690-just-big-kids-large-format-storybook-english>
 - *I'm Safe! In the Car Activity Coloring Book* <https://www.imsafe.com/product/car-safety-activity-coloring-book>
- Safety Pledge
- Coloring Contest

Additional Resources

- Text for Baby <https://www.text4baby.org/>
 - Tear Pads
- Safe Kids: <http://www.safekids.org>
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Campaign Materials:
<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/>

2015 Bicycle Safety Awareness Optional Activities



Main Resource Page for Bicycle Safety Awareness:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/prevention>

Did you know 75% of all bicycle related deaths could be prevented with a helmet?

Bicycling is a great lifelong physical activity that you can do alone, with friends and with your family. Although there are some inherent risks, with the proper use of a bicycle helmet and safe bicycling behavior, the benefits greatly outweigh the risks.

Here are precautions you can take to keep yourself and other bicyclists sharing the road injury free:

- **Wear a helmet every time you ride.** Be sure to wear a bicycle helmet that fits properly and is certified for use on a bicycle. Always replace a helmet after a crash. Virginia does not have a state bicycle helmet law. However, [Virginia Code §46.2-906.1](#) enables localities to pass local ordinances requiring the use of bicycle helmets by children fourteen and younger. [Click here](#) for a list of localities with bicycle helmet laws.
- **Obey the rules of the road.** A bicycle is considered a vehicle. Learn the rules of the road and obey all traffic laws. Vehicles should slow when passing cyclist and pass only when clear. Give the bicyclist plenty of room. [Click here](#) for a list of all bicycle laws in Virginia.
- **Make sure bicycles are in good working condition.** Check tires, brakes, and other equipment to make sure it is all working correctly.
- **Be sure that you are visible.** Wear bright colored or reflective clothing. Be sure to have working headlights and blinking red-rear lights/reflectors if riding at night. [Click here](#) for bicycle equipment required by Virginia law.

- **Actively supervise children.** Monitor children and make sure they understand how to keep safe and obey the rules of the road.

Shelf Display

- **Bicycle Safety-Demonstrate a Bicycle Helmet and how they should be worn correctly.** See more at: [Which Helmet for Which Activity?](#)
- **Choose Safer Walking and Bicycling Routes-10 characteristics of a Safe Route-**
<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/OnTheMove/PedestrianTip.htm>
- **Wear a Helmet -**[Which Helmet for Which Activity?](#)
- **Bicycle Safety-**
<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/OnTheMove/bicycle.htm>

Reading Resources

- **Raatma, Lucia. Bicycle Safety. (2004). ISBN:1592960855**
- **Cole, Steve & Takitin, Sarah. Kids' Easy Bike Care. (2008). ISBN: 1885593864**
- **Sidwells, Chris. Complete Bike Book. (2005). ISBN: 9780756614270**

To learn more about bicycle safety, visit:

VDH Injury Prevention Program

http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/prevention/injury/other_topics/topics.htm

Virginia Department of Transportation

<http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/programs/bk-laws.asp>

Virginia Bicycling Federation

<http://www.vabike.org/>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles>

Upcoming Events

Science Museum of Virginia Special Event

Bikes: Science on Two Wheels

<http://www.smv.org/explore/featured-exhibits/bikes-science-two-wheels>

Richmond 2015 UCI Road World Championships

<http://richmond2015.com/>